

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A cover and carrier for a child safety car seat usable in either a backpack mode or a luggage mode, comprising:
a bag-like carrier made of a flexible sheet material having an exterior surface and defining an interior compartment large enough for the child safety car seat;

at least one backpack strap attached to said bag-like carrier generally on said exterior surface for use in the backpack mode; and

at least one wheel projecting outwardly from said exterior surface at a lower end of said bag-like carrier for use in the luggage mode.

2. The cover and carrier of claim 1, wherein said flexible sheet material comprises fabric.

3. The cover and carrier of claim 1, wherein said at least one backpack strap is releasably attached.

4. The cover and carrier of claim 3, which further comprises a stowage compartment for said backpack strap.

5. The cover and carrier of claim 1, which further comprises a handle at an upper end of said bag-like carrier for use in the luggage mode.

6. The cover and carrier of claim 1, which further comprises a relatively rigid base at said lower end of said bag-like carrier, to which base said at least one wheel is attached via a wheel bracket, and upon which base the child safety car seat rests particularly during luggage mode transport.

7. The cover and carrier of claim 6, wherein said base is secured within a pocket made of fabric, located generally on the inside of said bag-like carrier.

8. The cover and carrier of claim 6, wherein said flexible sheet material can be wrapped around said base to form a compact package for storage.

9. A multiple-use cover and carrier for a child safety car seat, said multiple-use cover and carrier having a travel tote configuration with a backpack mode and a luggage mode as alternatives, and having a sun shade configuration, comprising:

a bag-like carrier made of a flexible sheet material having an interior surface and an exterior surface and defining an interior compartment large enough for the child safety car seat, said compartment having an opening comprising a fastener which allows the opening to be repeatedly opened and closed;

at least one backpack strap attached to said bag-like carrier generally on said exterior surface for use in the travel tote configuration backpack mode;

at least one wheel projecting outwardly from said exterior surface at a lower end of said bag-like carrier for use in the travel tote configuration luggage mode; and

said bag-like carrier being capable of being turned inside-out through said opening so as to be used in the sun shade configuration as a protective cover for the child safety car seat, with said interior surface generally exposed.

10. The multiple-use cover and carrier of claim 9, wherein said flexible sheet material comprises fabric.

11. The multiple-use cover and carrier of claim 9, wherein a portion of said interior surface comprises a reflective material.

12. The multiple-use cover and carrier of claim 11, wherein said reflective material portion is hemmed by an elastic band to aid in retaining said multiple-use cover and carrier as a protective cover over the child safety car seat in the sun shade configuration.

13. The multiple-use cover and carrier of claim 9, wherein a portion of said interior surface is hemmed by an elastic band to aid in retaining said multiple-use cover and carrier as a protective cover over the child safety car seat in the sun shade configuration.

14. The multiple-use cover and carrier of claim 9, wherein said fastener for said interior compartment opening comprises a zipper.

15. The multiple-use cover and carrier of claim 14, wherein said zipper comprises at least one sliding tab including a reversible pull which is accessible both when said multiple-use cover and carrier is in its travel tote configuration with the exterior surface facing outward and when said multiple-use cover and carrier is turned inside out in its sun shade configuration.

16. The multiple-use cover and carrier of claim 9, wherein said at least one backpack strap is releasably attached.

17. The multiple-use cover and carrier of claim 16, which further comprises a stowage compartment for said backpack strap.

18. The multiple-use cover and carrier of claim 9, which further comprises a handle at an upper end of said bag-like carrier for use in the travel tote configuration luggage mode.

19. The multiple-use cover and carrier of claim 9, which further comprises a relatively rigid base at said lower end of said bag-like carrier, to which base said at least one wheel is attached via a wheel bracket, and upon which base the child safety car seat rests particularly during luggage mode transport.

20. The multiple-use cover and carrier of claim 19, wherein said base is secured within a pocket made of fabric located generally on the inside of said bag-like carrier.

21. The multiple-use cover and carrier of claim 19, wherein said flexible sheet material can be wrapped around said base to form a compact package for storage.

22. A multiple-use cover and carrier for a child safety car seat, said multiple-use cover and carrier having a travel tote configuration with a backpack mode and a luggage mode as alternatives, and having a sun shade configuration, comprising:

- a bag-like carrier made of a flexible fabric having an interior surface and an exterior surface and defining an interior compartment large enough for the child safety car seat, said compartment having an opening comprising a fastener which allows the opening to be repeatedly opened and closed;

- at least one backpack strap attached to said bag-like carrier generally on said exterior surface for use in the travel tote configuration backpack mode;

- at least one wheel projecting outwardly from said exterior surface at a lower end of said bag-like carrier for use in the travel tote configuration luggage mode;

- a relatively rigid base at said lower end of said bag-like carrier, to which base said at least one wheel is attached via a wheel bracket, upon which base the child safety car seat rests particularly during luggage mode transport, and

around which base said flexible sheet material can be wrapped to form a compact package for storage; and

said bag-like carrier being capable of being turned inside-out through said opening so as to be used in the sun shade configuration as a protective cover for the child safety car seat, with said interior surface generally exposed, a portion of said interior surface comprising a reflective material hemmed by an elastic band to aid in retaining said multiple-use cover and carrier as a protective cover over the child safety car seat in the sun shade configuration.